

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Mr. Clerk, please proceed.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 2129 of the Legislative Journal.) 25 ayes, 11 nays on the advancement.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LB 365 advances. LB 584. I raise the call.

CLERK: (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 18, referred to the Natural Resources Committee for hearing, the bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by the Natural Resources Committee.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler to open on the committee amendments.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, the first thing I should inform you of is that this has nothing to do with motorboats. What this is is the committee priority bill and what we did as did most of the committees, we took our two priority bills and we had one to deal with utilities and we had one to deal with recreation, and this is our priority bill dealing with recreation. And it basically takes six bills that were originally before the committee and all of which had public hearings, of course, and tucked them into this bill in the form of the committee amendments; and these committee amendments represent by and large the committee's effort on recreation this time around. And it came out of committee without dissenting votes seven to nothing. And many of these bills have been watered down considerably from their original form so as hopefully to meet with your approval without a large amount of controversy. Let me go through the six different items that are in this bill and then we can come back to them one by one and I want to give the introducers of the various bills an opportunity to speak to them as part of this opening also. But the first bill that we dealt with was LB 98 which was Senator Fisher's bill which is included herein. It has to do with hunter and...firearm hunter and bow hunter safety. And basically the thrust of the bill is to improve the safety requirements necessary in order to hunt both with firearms and/or with a bow. This bill has been by all the hunters groups, the bow hunters groups, the firearms hunters groups and to my knowledge there is no disagreement about this particular provision of the committee amendments. Essentially with respect to firearm hunters, it